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SUBJECT: GDR DONATES WINTER CLOTHING TO PLO

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ON DECEMBER 27 DIE WELT
CARRIED A RUETER ITEM REPORTING ANNOUNCEMENT BY
PALESTINIAN NEWSAGENCY (WAFA) THAT PLO HAS ACCEPTED
SHIPMENT OF WINTER CLOTHING FROM THE GDR FOR ITS
"FIGHTERS". ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT, GDR AMBAS-
SADOR TO LEBANON BRUNO SEDLAEZEK DELIVERED ITEMS ON
CHRISTMAN DAY TO REPRESENTATIVES OF YASSIR ARAFAT,
WHO EXPRESSED PLO APPRECIATION FOR CONTRIBUTION AND
PRAISED GDR'S POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN
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REVOLUTION ON ALL LEVELS.

2. OFFICIAL ORGAN OF GDR, NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CONFIRMED CLOTHING SHIPMENT THE SAME DAY DESCRIBING IT AS "A DONATION FROM GDR SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS FLOWN TO BEIRUT ON A SPECIAL FLIGHT OF THE NATIONAL AIRLINE INTERFLUG. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LOU: COMMENT: AIRLIFT OF WINTER CLOTHING BY THE GDR AT CHRISTMAS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A DRAMATIC PUBLIC GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARD THE PLO ON THE PART OF THE NONECKER REGIME; ON THE OTHER HAND, IT MAY SUGGEST THE PLO IS FACING REAL SUPPLY CRUNCH THIS WINTER, PERHAPS RESULTING FROM CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT DIVERSIONS TO LEBANESE MUSLIM MILITIA UNITS. IF THE LATTER SUPPOSITION IS TRUE, THEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SHIPMENT MAY HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT IN EARLY DECEMBER DURING THE VISIT TO THE GDR OF AN OFFICIAL PLO DELEGATION HEADED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FRRUK KADDUMI. END LOU.
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